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Amendments to the Claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), this listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Stick for the topical or transmucosal application of a skin care or active agent onto and via the nasal mucosa, respectively, wherein the stick material contains a composition of at least one carrier substance and at least one skin care or active agent, which is capable of acting on the nasal mucosa and/or being resorbed by it or which contains at least one volatile substance, that acts on the deeper respiratory tract and/or is being resorbed by the deeper respiratory tract.
2. (Original) The stick of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises essentially carrier substances, additives and/or adjuvants commonly used for cosmetical sticks.
3. (Currently Amended) The stick of claim 1—~~or~~—2, wherein the carrier substances are selected from the group consisting of cocoa butter, waxes of vegetable and/or chemical origin, lipids of vegetable and/or chemical origin, Vaselineum algum, vegetable oils and/or petrochemical oils (paraffines), beeswax, shea butter, carnauba wax, micro-crystalline waxes, caprylic/capric triglycerides, lanolin, or mixtures of the above mentioned substances.
4. (Currently Amended) The stick of ~~any one~~ of claims 1—~~to~~—3, wherein the composition essentially contains cocoa butter and/or low melting olefines as carrier substances.

5. (Currently Amended) The stick of ~~any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 4, wherein the composition contains at least one antioxidant.
6. (Currently Amended) The stick of ~~any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 5, wherein the active agent is selected from an anti-inflammatory agent, anti-viral agent, hormone, anaesthetic, alkaloid, antibiotic, essential oil, aphrodisiacum, hallucinogenic drug, nasal decongestive such as oxymetazoline, drug affecting nitrogen monoxide production, agent for the treatment of allergies and/or colds such as menthol and eucalypt oil, local anaesthetic or microencapsulated liposomes and microsomes.
7. (Currently Amended) The stick of ~~any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 6, wherein the active agent capable of being resorbed by the mucosa is selected from oxytocin, vasopressin, or a ~~hormen~~ hormone such as sterol or derivates thereof.
8. (Currently Amended) The stick of ~~any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 7, wherein the care agent is selected from a depilatory agent, dexpanthenol, vitamin, ~~cortison~~, cortisone, sea salt or Ems salt.
9. (Currently Amended) The stick of claim 6, wherein the local anaesthetic is xylocaine, pantocaine, ~~coocain~~ cocaine or another surface anaesthetic.
10. (Currently Amended) The stick of claim 6, wherein the alkaloid is nicotine, ~~caaffeine~~, coffeeine, ~~cafffeine~~, coffeeine, codeine, theophylline or theobromine.
11. (Currently Amended) Stick of ~~any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 10, wherein the stick material contains liposomes and/or fluids (e.g. in the form of filled nanoparticles).

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12. (Original) Stick of claim 11, wherein the nanoparticles contain at least one of above mentioned skin care and/or active agents.
13. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1-to-12,~~ which additionally contains a preservative.
14. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1-to-13,~~ which contains photoprotective agent(s) of SPF 1 - 26 in sufficient amounts.
15. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1-to-14,~~ which is of cylindrical shape.
16. (Original) Stick of claim 15, which consists of a base connected with the stick material and a sleeve surrounding said substance.
17. (Original) Stick of claim 16, wherein the driving device for moving the stick material in and out is provided as a injection moulded device in one piece together with said sleeve and base.
18. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 15-to-17,~~ wherein said sleeve is provided with the stick material using a refill cartridge.
19. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1-to-18~~ suitable for delivering skin care or active agents to the vestibulum nasi.
20. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 15-to-19,~~ wherein the upper end of said stick material is shaped to allow a precise punctiform or lineshaped application of said agents onto the vestibulum nasi.

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21. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1 to 20,~~ wherein stick and sleeve, respectively, have a size from 0.5 to 2 cm.
22. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1 to 21,~~ wherein the sleeve is decorated with motifs from music and movies, comic figures, ornaments, paintings or pictures.
23. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1 to 22,~~ wherein said stick is provided with specific product information referring to said agents and their application.
24. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1 to 23,~~ wherein said sleeve is provided with consumer information by means of a removable adhesive label.
25. (Currently Amended) Stick ~~of any one of claims 1 to 24,~~ wherein said stick is provided in a package that opens at the base of the stick.
26. (Original) Use of a medical, skin care or cosmetical stick for the application of skin care or active agents into the nose.
27. (Currently Amended) Use of a stick material as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ or of a refill ~~cartridge~~ cartridge containing said material for the manufacture of a stick according to claims ~~1 to 25~~.
28. (Currently Amended). A method of treatment and/or prophylaxis of a disorder of a mammal comprising topical or ~~transmuseal~~ transmucosal administration of an active agent as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ into the

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nose via a stick ~~of any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 25.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of providing wellness or relief to a mammal comprising topical or ~~transmuseal~~ transmucosal administration of an agent as defined in ~~any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 10 into the nose via a stick ~~of any one~~ of claims 1-~~to~~ 25.
30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28-~~or~~ 29, wherein said mammal is human.